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SUBJECT: 1974 OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA ET PROGRAM

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1. DIRECTOR OF GIRM'S ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION (ENA) HAS APPROACHED AMBASSADOR WITH SPECIAL REQUEST TO HAVE ONE ENA STUDENT INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA PROGRAM, FOR WHICH REFTEL SUBMITTED THREE CANDIDATES. DIRECTOR MOST UPSET THAT ENA THROUGH OVERSIGHT IN MINISTRY EDUCATION, HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN CHANCE ORIGINALLY SUBMIT CANDIDATE. ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE (ENS) FINISHED ALL EARLIER NOMINATIONS. ENA STUDENT BODY IS COMPOSED OF EQUAL NUMBER RECENT LYCEE GRADUATES AND MIDDLE GRADE GIRM OFFICIALS WHO ARE ASSIGNED FOR REFRESHER TRAINING.

2. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT APPLICATION WAS PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM BUT HE AGREED SUBMIT CANDIDATE IN CASE THERE ANY POSSIBILITY. ASKED ENA DIRECTOR TO SELECT BEST SINGLE CANDIDATE AND WE WOULD DO WHAT WE COULD, WHETHER UNDER OPERATION CROSSROADS PROGRAM OR OTHER WHICH CU MIGHT SUGGEST.

3. PROFILE OF CANDIDATE FOLLOWS:

1. OULD AHMED TALEB. BENNAHI
2. MAURITANIAN
3. ECOLE NORMALE D'ADMINISTRATION, NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA
4. AS ABOVE

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5. STUDENT; ENROLLED IN TWO YEAR GRADUATE LEVEL COURSE IN

ADMINISTRATION.

6. 1951
7. TAMCHAKETT, MAURITANIA
8. MALE
9. SINGLE
10. MUSLIM, NO PORK OR ALCOHOL
11. NONE
12. NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA
13. FRENCH, ARABIC
14. FAIR
15. SECONDARY (BACCALAUREAT 1972). ECOLE NORMALE D'ADMINISTRATION.
IN BASIC TRAINING COURSE FOR GIRM BUREAUCRACY WITH SECOND
YEAR SPECIALIZATION IN CUSTOMS PROCEDURES. (ENA STUDENT 1973-75).
CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF STUDENT BODY.
16. NONE
17. NONE
18. NONE
19. NONE
20. LITTLE, THROUGH READING AND VOA
21. PROGRAM SHOULD BE BROADLY BASED ORIENTATION OF US ALONG
LINES OF OPERATIONS CROSSROADS AFRICA WITH EMPHASIS ON
ENHANCING ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY.
22. PROGRAM SHOULD BE AS BROADLY BASED AND REPRESENTATIVE
AS POSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT. I REGRET LATENESS THIS SUBMISSION BUT REQUEST
OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA BE URGED ADD THIS CANDIDATE TO
THE THREE ALREADY APPROVED OR THAT SUITABLE ALTERNATE PROGRAM
BE DEVISED FOR PERIOD JULY-AUGUST. ABOVE REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT
INITIATIVE BY ENA, FIRST SUCH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED. WE WISH
DEVELOP CLOSER CONTACTS WITH THIS KEY GROUP OF YOUNG
MAURITANIANS. ENA DIRECTOR DESCRIBES SUBJECT AS MOST ALERT
AND DYNAMIC STUDENT TO HAVE ATTENDED ENA IN RECENT YEARS.
HE WILL RETURN TO ENA IN OCTOBER FOR SECOND YEAR OF STUDIES
AND BE IN POSITION CORRECT MANY MISAPPREHENSIONS RE US WHICH
UNFORTUNATELY WIDESPREAD AMONG MAURITANIAN YOUTH. MURPHY

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